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SUSPECT SOUGHT IN MULTIPLE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION



Sketch resembling suspect in
multiple homicide investigation

In connection with the investigation of a series of assaults and homicides committed since July 29, 1976, in the Boroughs of Queens and the Bronx, New York City, by a young man commonly referred to as the ".44 Calibre Killer," the New York City Police Dept. is attempting to identify all persons who now possess or have possessed a .44 calibre Charter Arms "Bulldog" revolver.

The primary victims of these attacks have been attractive white females from 17 to 20 years of age.

The ".44 Calibre Killer," who calls himself "Son of Sam," is described as being white, male, 20 to 35 years old, medium to tall in height, having a medium build, dark hair (mod style, well-groomed), clear skin, pale complexion, a clean-shaven face, and dark, piercing eyes. During cold weather he has worn a tan, form-fitting, 3/4-length coat; in chilly weather, a knee-length beige raincoat; in warm weather, dark pants and a blue polo shirt with white stripes. He is probably right-handed. He shoots combat style, two-handed, from a crouch. He carries a .44 calibre "Bulldog" revolver manufactured by the Charter Arms Co., and has used Winchester Western .44 calibre special ammunition.

This is an appeal to all firearms dealers in the United States to forward to the New York City Police Department, Homicide Task Force, 109th Precinct, 37-05 Union Street, Flushing, New York 11354, or to the local office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms the following information: (a) the name and address of each person who purchased a .44 calibre Charter Arms "Bulldog" revolver prior to July 30, 1976, (b) the name and address of each person who has purchased Winchester Western .44 calibre special ammunition since January 1, 1976, and (c) the name and address of any person who might have access to the above-named weapon or ammunition and who now resides in or commutes to the New York City metropolitan area, including New Jersey and Connecticut, or who may have relocated to this area of the country.

Justice Interprets Receipt of Firearms by Felons

571136-117 The Department of Justice has advised ATF that it considers any receipt or possession by a convicted felon of a firearm which has traveled in interstate commerce to be a violation of Federal firearms laws. This interpretation applies even if the receipt or possession is pursuant to the felon's employment by a firearms licensee.

Stolen Military Ammunition

We have information that substantial quantities of stolen military ammunition have entered commercial channels. The majority of the ammunition was .223 cal.

Official military sources have informed ATF that no .223 cal. U.S. military ammunition has ever been released as surplus and that no military ammunition of any kind has been released by the military as surplus since 1968. The sole exception is .22 cal. service-grade ammunition for junior marksmanship clubs and divisions affiliated with the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. Aside from this limited exception, the receipt or disposition of military ammunition in interstate commerce is prohibited.

Additions to Interchangeable Calibres List

Page 96 of "Your 1977 Guide to Firearms Regulation" contains an updated list of calibres that are classified for recordkeeping purposes as handgun ammunition or as being interchangeable between handguns and rifles. The following, 5 mm Remington Mag. Rimfire; .223 Remington; .25-35 Winchester; and .30-30 (.30 WCF), have been added to the 1977 list. Also, .44 Special (all types), and .44 Mag. were inadvertently omitted from the list and should, therefore, be added.

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